

**From:** Jackie Harrington  
**Sent:** 19 March 2020 11:58  
**To:** DEASP Press Office; Des Henry; Mary Pracht  
**Subject:** RE: Asylum seekers and Covid 19

Kevin

Yes – a person in the circs you have outlined can claim for the Covid-19 payment if they have lost their job and the employer is unable to pay. Jackie

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**From:** DEASP Press Office  
**Sent:** 19 March 2020 11:50  
**To:** Jackie Harrington; Des Henry; Mary Pracht  
**Subject:** FW: Asylum seekers and Covid 19

Hi all,

Please see the below query from the Refugee Council.

Could you clarify this for us please?

Thanks for your help.

Regards,

Kevin

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**Kevin Ingoldsby**  
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**From:** Hanna Dwyer [<mailto:hanna@irishrefugeecouncil.ie>]  
**Sent:** 19 March 2020 09:16  
**To:** DEASP Press Office  
**Subject:** Asylum seekers and Covid 19

Good morning,

I was hoping that it might be possible for your office to send official confirmation in writing that asylum seekers living outside of direct provision are entitled to the Covid 19 emergency payment (as long as they have PPS, bank account etc). While I am fairly sure they are entitled to it, it would be very useful to get official confirmation that we could share amongst the people we work with. This would provide reassurance and clarity.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation,

Hanna Dwyer  
Caseworker